Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Withdrawn) A method for managing parts used in fluid machinery comprising:

creating a compatible-parts database for a plurality of fluid machinery in association with a common part used therein, said compatible-parts database identifying a part with a part identifier uniquely predetermined for said part.

2. (Withdrawn) A method for managing parts used in fluid machinery according to claim 1, further comprising:

associating said fluid machinery in said compatible-parts database with a control identifier assigned for a part used in said fluid machinery.

3. (Currently Amended) A method for ordering parts used in fluid machinery, comprising:

~~creating~~ storing information about a plurality of groups of fluid machinery of a user, each member of a group having a part compatible with other members of said group, in a compatible-parts database ~~for a plurality of fluid machinery of a user in association with a common part used therein, said compatible-parts database identifying~~ so as to identify ~~said~~ a part with a part identifier uniquely predetermined ~~for said part~~ to indicate compatibility with said group;

presenting said compatible-parts database to said user; and

ordering, by said user, ~~a~~ said compatible part for fluid machinery from a service provider by referring to said compatible-parts database.

4. (Currently Amended) A method for ordering parts used in fluid machinery according to claim 3, further comprising:

presenting a control identifier assigned for a̶ said compatible part used in said user's fluid machinery to said service provider; and

associating said fluid machinery in said compatible-parts database with said control identifier.

5. (Currently Amended) A method for ordering parts used in fluid machinery according to claim 4, w̶h̶e̶r̶e̶i̶n̶ further comprising:

ordering, by said user, o̶r̶d̶e̶r̶s̶ ̶a̶ said compatible part f̶l̶u̶i̶d̶ ̶m̶a̶c̶h̶i̶n̶e̶r̶y̶ from said service provider based on said control identifier c̶o̶r̶r̶e̶s̶p̶o̶n̶d̶i̶n̶g̶ ̶t̶o̶ ̶s̶a̶i̶d̶ ̶p̶a̶r̶t̶.

6. (Currently Amended) A method for ordering parts used in fluid machinery according to claim 3, w̶h̶e̶r̶e̶i̶n̶ further comprising:

communicating information c̶o̶m̶m̶u̶n̶i̶c̶a̶t̶e̶d̶ between said user and said service provider i̶s̶ ̶t̶r̶a̶n̶s̶m̶i̶t̶t̶e̶d̶ via a storage medium s̶t̶o̶r̶i̶n̶g̶ configured to store said information, said storage medium capable of being read by a computer.

7. (Currently Amended) A method for ordering parts used in fluid machinery according to claim 3, w̶h̶e̶r̶e̶i̶n̶ further comprising:

communicating information c̶o̶m̶m̶u̶n̶i̶c̶a̶t̶e̶d̶ between said user and said service provider i̶s̶ ̶t̶r̶a̶n̶s̶m̶i̶t̶t̶e̶d̶ by a client terminal on said user end and a server on said service provider end connected to each other via a network.

8. (Currently Amended) A method for ordering parts used in fluid machinery according to claim 3, wherein said step of ordering comprises:

ordering via a parts center serving as a regional base for distributing parts performs a part of the role or the entire role of said service provider.

9. (Currently Amended) A method for ordering parts used in fluid machinery according to claim 3, wherein further comprising:

regularly or irregularly acquiring, by said service provider, regularly or irregularly acquires information for about fluid machinery employed by said user; to and

update updating said compatible-parts database.

10. (Currently Amended) A method for ordering parts used in fluid machinery according to claim 3, further comprising:

associating said compatible part in said compatible-parts database with the a status of parts stocked by at least one of said service provider and said user; and

regularly or irregularly acquiring information for parts stocked by said at least one of said service provider and said user; and

updating to update said compatible-parts database.

11. (Currently Amended) A method for ordering parts used in fluid machinery according to claim 3, wherein further comprising:

procuring, by said service provider, procures a part used in fluid machinery from the same users or different users said compatible part from one of said user and another user.

12. (Currently Amended) A method for ordering parts used in fluid machinery according to claim 3, ~~wherein~~ further comprising:

managing, by said service provider, ~~manages~~ maintenance of fluid machinery employed by said user based on information stored in said compatible-parts database.

13. (Withdrawn) A system for managing parts used in fluid machinery comprising:

a compatible-parts database for a plurality of fluid machinery of a user in association with a common part used therein, said compatible-parts database identifying a part with a part identifier uniquely predetermined for said part;

an input device for inputting a search condition for searching said compatible-parts database;

a search component for searching said compatible-parts database for a part of fluid machinery that matches said search condition inputted by said input device; and

a display device for displaying information on said part searched out by said searching component.

14. (Withdrawn) A system for managing parts used in fluid machinery according to claim 13, wherein said fluid machinery in said compatible-parts database is associated with a control identifier assigned for a part used in said user's fluid machinery.